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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
[Project No. 2814-025]

Great Falls Hydroelectric Company, City of Paterson, New Jersey; Notice of Application Ready for Environmental Analysis, and Soliciting Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Prescriptions

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

- a. Type of Application: New Major License
- b. Project No.: 2814-025
- c. Date Filed: February 28, 2019
- d. Applicant: Great Falls Hydroelectric Company and the City of Paterson, New Jersey, as co-licensees
- e. Name of Project: Great Falls Hydroelectric Project (Great Falls Project or project)
- f. Location: On the Passaic River, near the City of Paterson, Passaic County, New Jersey. The project does not occupy federal land.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791 (a) – 825 (r)
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Robert Gates, Senior Vice President of Operations, Eagle Creek Renewable Energy, 65 Madison Avenue, Suite 500, Morristown, NJ 07960; (973) 998-8400; email - bob.gates@eaglecreekre.com and/or Ben-David Seligman, 2nd Assistant Corp. Counsel, City of Paterson, 155 Market Street, Paterson, NJ; (973) 321-1366; email - bseligman@patersonnj.gov
- i. FERC Contact: Christopher Millard at (202) 502-8256; or e-mail at christopher.millard@ferc.gov
- j. Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice; reply comments are due 105 days from the issuance date of this notice.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment

system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application has been accepted and is ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The existing project works consist of: (1) the Society for the Establishment of Useful Manufactures (S.U.M.) dam, an overflow granite stone gravity structure about 315 feet long, with a maximum height of 15 feet and having a crest elevation of 114.6 feet mean sea level (msl); (2) a reservoir with a surface area of 114.69 acres and a storage capacity of 1,415 acre-feet at elevation 114.6 feet msl; (3) a forebay inlet structure; (4) a headgate control structure containing three trashracks and three steel gates; (5) three penstocks, each 8.5 feet in diameter and approximately 55 feet long; (6) a powerhouse containing three turbine-generator units with a total rated capacity of 10.95 megawatts; (7) a 37-foot-long, 4.16-kilovolt (kV) underground transmission line connecting the powerhouse to a 4.16/26.4-kV step-up transformer which in turn is connected to a 26.4-kV transmission grid via an approximately 30-foot-long, 26.4-kV underground transmission line; (8) and appurtenant facilities.

The Great Falls Project is operated in a run-of-river mode. For the period 2010 through 2018, the average annual generation at the Great Falls Project was 17,484 megawatt-hours.

m. A copy of the application may be viewed and/or printed on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the title COMMENTS, REPLY COMMENTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS, or

PRESCRIPTIONS; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, recommendations, terms and conditions or prescriptions must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. Each filing must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. A license applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice: (1) a copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification.

o. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

MILESTONE	TARGET DATE
Deadline for filing comments, recommendations, terms and conditions, and prescriptions	August 2020
Reply comments due	September 2020
Commission issues EA	January 2021
Comments on EA due	February 2021

Dated: June 16, 2020

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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